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Incorporation Club Holds First Meeting

Half a hundred Niles citizens gathered in the chambers of Judge Richmond Tuesday evening and formed the "Niles Incorporation Club" for the purpose of investigating the possibilities of incorporating the town.

The meeting was called to order by J. B. Bernard and Horace J. Craft was selected as temporary chairman.

Mr. Craft stated the purpose for which the meeting was called and asked all those interested to join the club whether they favored or opposed incorporation, and the result was that forty names were signed to the roll.

M. P. Sneden was elected president of the new organization, Wm. Catterlin was selected as vice-president, and P. A. Ellis was chosen secretary-treasurer.

Mr. Sneden upon taking the chair stated that he believed incorporation was a progressive move and that while he favored it at the present time, he would oppose it if he found upon investigation that the cost would exceed the benefits derived.

He further stated that the purpose of the club was to gather facts that would settle for all time questions that have arisen and upon which the Club could make a campaign if after investigation this was deemed advisable.

He then appointed a committee of five to secure all information possible and to lay the same before the club so that the members might conclude the best step to take.

The committee appointed was composed of the following members: Thos. Bedard, R. H. Moyer, Wm. P. Moore, J. B. Bernard and Father Leal.

Suggestions were then offered as to where this committee could secure

Further Particulars on The Otay Disaster

Chris Runckel Jr. is at present on a two months visit to Grassmont in San Diego county, hoping to build himself up physically.

An account of the Otay disaster will be given to the readers of The Press in the near future by him. In a letter this week the following brief description of the Otay dam was furnished by him:

"The Otay dam which gave way two weeks ago and caused such destruction in the Otay valley was supposed to be the strongest sort of dam that could be built. It was 120 feet high, 300 feet thick at the base and 16 feet across the top. It had a steel core, a concrete base and sides and had a layer of concrete one and one-half feet thick on each slope of the fill.

"In spite of the fact that it was expected to go out for twenty-four hours before it gave way, at least 25 lives were lost in the disaster. The Otay valley is ten miles away from the dam but the destruction wrought was appalling.

"The loss of but two score of lives was due to the fact that long before the dam broke parties who had visited the dam and had seen the water pouring over it, gave the alarm through the valley and forced the people to take refuge on the higher ground. Although it took only two hours for the flood to make its way through the valley yet in those two hours the destruction was complete.

"The water in its sweep through the valley tore out a path varying from a half mile to a mile wide, washing every thing out down to the gravel bed underlying the valley. Soil, orchards, houses, everything in the path of the flood was swept away to the sea. The water in the dam was backed up a distance of eight miles and within 45 minutes after the dam gave way it reached the Otay valley ten miles away."

Parent-Teachers Meet Tonight

Tonight is the regular meeting night of the Parent-Teachers Association, and as a new plan of getting parents to attend is being tried out, it is hoped that a much larger attendance than usual will be noted. The plan is to get all the pupils in the school to urge their parents to attend and the class having the greatest success will be awarded a prize.

These meetings aside from being extremely enjoyable social affairs are instructive both for parent and teacher.

The parent learns what the school is seeking to do and the teacher is enabled to meet the parent in a social way and to learn the little peculiarities of each child which she must cope with.

Good music is always furnished at the meetings and the mere fact that Mrs. Geo. L. Donovan will have charge tonight is a sufficient guarantee that it will be exceptionally good.

Dr. Reise of San Francisco will give a lecture this evening on "Hereditary" that should be of great interest to every parent.

The usual excellent refreshments will be served.

The entertainment committee of the Parents-Teachers Association is planning an elaborate social entertainment or party which will be given in the near future under the auspices of the Association. It is to be given to the young people of the community. Remember that age is not a matter of years, and that if you feel young enough to enter into the spirit of the occasion, you are most cordially invited to appear in the school halls to enjoy a good time Friday evening, February 25, 1916.

The regular meeting of the Chamber of Commerce will be held Tuesday evening.

The members of the local C. E. S. will hold a Valentine social tomorrow evening at the parsonage.

Mrs. Rathbun and Mrs. Nelson entertained a number of friends at a Monday evening, the occasion being Mrs. Nelson's birthday.

Mrs. Plummer who was called to Pacific Grove on account of the death of her father, is seriously ill in that city.

Miss DeCora entertained the Niles Club at the Hotel Belyoir Tuesday. A dainty repast was served at the noon hour and the afternoon was spent at cards.

FOR SALE:- Indian Runner Duck Eggs for setting, 50c per doz. Dahlia bulbs 10c. Mrs. Orpin, 3rd St. opp. Cong. church.

LOST: A small black morocco loose leaf memorandum book. Contains owner's name, address and phone number. Douglas Parker, 306 Soto Street, Hayward, California. Phone Hayward 216. If found please owner collect or return to Mr. E. A. Ellsworth, Niles and receive reward.—Adv't.

San Francisco—Union Iron Works plans huge expansion on account of boom in business.

Los Angeles—Sixth Church of Christ Scientist under construction to cost \$30,000.

Los Angeles—Board of Supervisors voted \$10,000 for mountain forestation.

LINCOLN

By Russell Lowell

LIFE may be given in many ways
And loyalty to truth is the
As bravely in the clouds the
field,
So bountiful is Fate.
But then to stand beside him
When craven churls deride
To front a lie in arms and not
This shows, methinks, God's
And measure of a stalwart
Limbed like the old hero
Who stand self poised on the
solid earth,
Not forced to frame excuses
birth,
Fed from within with all the
he needs.
Such was he, our martyr chief,
Whom late the nation he had
With ashes on her head,
Wept with the passion of an
grief.
Forgive me if from present
turn
To speak what in my heart will
And hang my wreath on his world
ored urn.
Nature, they say, doth dote
And cannot make a man
Save on some wornout plan,
Repeating us by rote.
For him her old world molds aside
threw,
And, choosing sweet clay for
breast
Of the unexhausted west,
With stuff untainted shap
new,
Wise, steadfast in the stren
and true.
How beautiful to see
Once more a shepherd of ma
deed,
Who loved his charge, but ne
to lead;
One whose meek flock the pe
to be,
Not lured by any cheat
clay

Supervisor Murphy Works in Peoples Interest

Supervisor Murphy again took a stand for the taxpayers of the county at Monday's session of the Board of Supervisors when he opposed an appropriation of \$2500 for the purpose of investigating the proposition of building a bascule bridge over the estuary between Oakland and Alameda.

Mr. Murphy found an exhaustive report on the subject made by County Surveyor P. A. Haviland, which furnished all the information that was needed. The whole proposition was a scheme to provide some engineer with a lucrative commission at public expense without regard to public need.

While Mr. Murphy is performing these services for the taxpayers as a matter of duty and without thought of any special commendation or consideration on that account, it behooves the voters to bear in mind that they have an efficient and fearless representative on the board and they should be prepared to sustain him when their efforts will count. An official can not thwart as many schemes to mulet the county as Mr. Murphy has in the past seven years without making some powerful enemies, who may not oppose him openly but will go to any extent, as long as they can keep under cover, to prevent his re-election.

Nothing of Europe here
On, then, of Europe fronting mornward
still
Ere any names of serf and peer
Could Nature's equal scheme deface
And thwart her genial will.
Here was a type of the true elder
race,
And one of Plutarch's men talked with
us face to face.
I praise him not; it were too late.
And some innate weakness there
must be
In him who condescends to victory
Such as the present gives and cannot
wait,
Safe in himself as in a fate,
So always firmly he.
He knew to bide his time
And can his fame abide,
Still patient in his simple faith sub
lime,
Till the wise years decide.
Great captains with their guns and
drums
Disturb our judgment for the hour,
But at last silence comes.
These all are gone, and, standing like a
tower,
Our children shall behold his fame—
The kindly, earnest, brave, foreseeing
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Patient, dreading praise not

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Newark Now Has Fire District

Appearing before the Board of Supervisors last Monday with a petition signed with 54 taxpayers of Newark, Fire Chief Rushin succeeded in getting the Supervisors to pass a resolution creating a fire district in that town.

Newark for some time has had a volunteer fire department which has been supported solely by contributions from a few interested citizens.

he establishment of the fire district will force all of those who are receiving fire protection to contribute their share toward supporting the work, as an assessment will be levied on their property for the purpose.

The water pressure at Newark is very low and the only effective means of fighting a fire in that town is by means of chemicals and it is proposed to ask the new fire commissioners to allow the purchase of a chemical wagon which will carry two 35-gallon tanks of chemicals which it is believed would be sufficient to subdue any fire which might break out in Newark.

The fire commissioners for the district appointed by the Supervisors are Messrs. Falk, Snow and Buchanan.

C. E. Merwin, former highway foreman, in this district, paid Niles a visit Tuesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Del Mers of Idaho visited Wm. Catterlin last week. Mrs. Del Mers is Mr. Catterlin's sister.

Mr. Hutchidson former steam roller engineer on the highway visited Niles this week.

Joe Gleightweit proprietor of "Joe's" Quick Lunch and H. G. Statton motored to Oakland Wednesday.

Mrs. L. Roderick will be hostess at a party given tomorrow night in honor of the 18th birthday of her daughter.

Mrs. E. Chittenden and Mrs. Maria Schofield are spending a few days at Pacific Grove with Mrs. Shinn.

Train service over the S. P. was delayed Tuesday by slides in the canyon. Traffic was delayed for several hours.

Laura Loma Parlor No. 82 N. S. G. W. will give a whist party in I. O. O. F. hall on Saturday evening, Feb. 26. Prizes and refreshments. Tickets 25c.

Pand practice was held Monday night and a city music firm had a representative on hand to demonstrate instruments.

Jones & Ellsworth report that business is picking up. Two lots in the Beard tract were sold to a Berkeley man Tuesday and an Alvarado business man purchased two more on Wednesday.

Dan Greenwood was the victim of a horse thief's game Wednesday. The thief stole a horse at Tracy and sold it to Greenwood, and Dan was forced to give the animal up to its owner Hard luck, Dan.

The University of California Glee and Mondolin Clubs will give an entertainment at the Niles School Assembly Hall Friday evening, Feb. 18th, at 8 p. m. Adults 50 cents. Children 25 cents.

Chas. Jorgenson, ranch foreman for many years for E. A. Ellsworth, split his han dopen with an ax Monday morning. He was taken to a San Francisco hospital for treatment.

Sana Maria will vote water bonds to take over plant of Domestic Co.

Ad. Masque will Attract Big Crowd

The last big public winter festival to be held for at least five years in the Oakland Municipal Auditorium will be the Chamber of Commerce Ad-Masque, as the city council has agreed to enter into contract to let the arena during the winter for five years to come for an ice skating rink.

Thousands are planning to attend the Ad-Masque, using the occasion to bid farewell to the big arena in which many municipal affairs have been held. No public festivals, other than the Ad-Masque, have been scheduled to take place in the arena in the near future with the exception of the Ad-Masque, and in the fall work will be commenced converting the place into an ice skating rink.

The festival is to be different from any masquerade ball ever held on the Pacific coast. It will be a pageant planned on lines similar to the folk spectacles developed in German cities, with an elaborate system of decoration. The dancing of the maskers will be preceded by a beautiful St. Valentine's Masque written and staged by Ken Weber, the Berlin artist-architect who was in charge of the German exhibits at the Exposition. With the assistance of a score of students from the California School of the Arts and Crafts, Weber is decorating the stage and boxes of the auditorium. He has also planned many of the displays to be presented by merchants and firms in the pageant and grand march.

The Valentine Masque has been written around the queen of beauty as the central figure. There are 48 other characters in the cast. The queen of beauty contest is now in progress.

MRS. MARGUERITE POWERS PAUSES AWAY.

News was received in Irvington, Tuesday, of the death of Mrs. Marguerite Powers, formerly of Irvington, at San Jose.

The deceased was well known in the township and was a sister of W. and H. Cushing of Irvington.

The funeral was held yesterday at Santa Clara.

Eureka—The next link in the proposed Southern Pacific road down the coast to San Francisco will be 260 miles of railroad from here to Coos Bay.

Successful Benefit For Jewish War Sufferers

The entertainment given at the Bell Theater last Friday evening for the benefit of Jewish war sufferers in Poland was a decided success from every standpoint.

The response to the call for volunteer talent was responded to in a splendid manner and an excellent program was the result.

About fifty dollars was realized from the entertainment, over all expenses, and this will be sent to the stricken people.

A great deal of thanks is due to the teachers and pupils in the Niles school, for under the able direction of Miss Baldwin and Miss Borges they made a ticket selling campaign that produced unexpected returns.

After the entertainment, F. V. Jones publicly thanked those who assisted for their efforts to make the affair a success.

CALL FOR BIDS.

NOTICE is hereby given that the Board of Trustees of the Newark School District of Alameda County will, on Monday, the 28th day of February, 1916, at the hour of 8 o'clock in the evening, at the residence of Mr. F. Falk, on Thornton Avenue, in the Town of Newark in this County, receive and open bids for the purchase of the present two-story frame school building of said district located on the East corner of Cherry Road and Dairy Avenue, in said Town of Newark. The party whose bid is accepted will be required to remove the building within 60 days after date of acceptance of bid.

By order of the Board.
F. FALK, Clerk.
Dated Feb. 8, 1916.

San Diego—Construction work now under way here for U. S. government will give a monthly payroll of a quarter of a million dollars.

National City—Hercules Powder Co. is erecting several buildings and a 2000 foot wharf at a cost of \$500,000.

icipalities was one source suggested, the University of California also furnishes data. The Board of Supervisors will be asked many questions as well as the district attorney, and the county surveyor.

Nearby incorporated towns will be visited and data secured in this way.

Meetings of the club will be held on the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month and the ladies are cordially invited to be present and take part in the discussions as they are as vitally interested as any one else in the proposed move.

A by-laws committee was appointed consisting of Messrs. White, Jacobus, Hyde, Stratton and J. A. Silva.

The next meeting will be held in the court rooms on the evening of February 22nd, Washington's birthday.

David S. Stoner Weds Mrs. Ethel Cecil

The many friends of David S. Stoner, the well known civil engineer who, for the past three years has been in the employ of the Alameda County Water District, were surprised to learn of his marriage Wednesday to Mrs. Ethel Cecil in San Francisco.

Mrs. Cecil was recently divorced from G. F. Cecil, a wealthy mining man of Peru. It is also claimed that the bride has considerable wealth of her own.

Mr. Stoner who is a native of Pennsylvania spent several years in Latin American countries and while there he met the lady who Wednesday became his bride.

The happy couple came to Niles last night and are stopping at the Belvoir.

A. T. AMES VERY ILL.

The host of friends of A. T. Ames will learn with sorrow of the serious illness of this gentleman who is confined to his home at Centerville and who is reported to be in a dangerous condition.

Mr. Ames had his foot treated some time back by a "corn doctor" and a slight operation performed. The wound never healed and gangrene set in with the result that it was necessary to amputate his toe last week.

While the operation was a success it is feared Mr. Ames waited too long and that the dread disease has spread. His many friends are wishing him a speedy recovery.

MEN'S LEAGUE SUPPER.

The Men's League of Niles gave a delightful banquet at the Congregational Church last Saturday evening, and the members and their guests listened to a splendid talk on "War and the Survival of the Fittest," by Ira Woods Howard, A. M. Ph. D., who is head of the Extension Department of the University of California.

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The people of Niles are to be congratulated on the way they launched their preliminary incorporation campaign Tuesday night.

There was no bickering, no quarreling, nothing but a determination on the part of those in favor of incorporation and those opposed, to investigate the possibilities of the proposition and find out just where the town would stand if such a campaign should be carried to a successful conclusion.

Everyone present apparently felt that the matter had been threshed over on street corners long enough and that it was time that data be secured so that intelligent arguments could be presented for and against the proposition.

The committee that has been appointed to secure this data is composed of men, some of whom are strongly in favor of a local government and some who are avowed opponents.

This kind of a committee is fairly certain to bring in a report that should throw a great deal of light on the subject and then with the facts before them, the people of the community will be in a position to either accept or reject the proposition as they see fit.

Until the report of this committee is brought in, little good can be accomplished by discussing the proposition. Everyone has his personal opinion in the matter and these opinions can only be changed by the facts and data that this committee will secure.

Again we assert that Niles is to be congratulated. The people here are not to have a campaign launched, until they have had an opportunity to look over facts and figures and judge whether or no such a move would be a wise one.

Dear Willie:

Thanks so much for putting your name back on the S. V. R. It relieved our curiosity so much.

And Willie!

Since you were so nice last week, maybe you'll help us out some more.

Why were you so rude to the people of Irvington as to assert that the center of their town was a mud-heap? It wasn't true, so what was your object, Willie?

And, Willie!

Chambers of Commerce had just held a meeting and in the past week

why did you slam the organization?

break up the organization that way, Willie.

And, Willie!

Who told you that a certain business establishment in Niles had been sold? You know you said, Willie, that it was "the most important deal that had taken place recently." The proprietor of the establishment tells us, Willie, that he had no idea of selling the business, so who told you the "fairy tale," Willie?

And, Willie!

Oh, that's enough for this time.

C. R. E.

By CHRIS RUNCKEL.

The people of this township are up against one of the hardest fights that any community of its size ever faced. The Spring Valley Water Company with the vast wealth at its command and with the big prize of our water supply ahead of it is preparing to put up a hard fight against our district. If money can beat or bluff this section out of its water supply then the Spring Valley Water Co. will get away with the supply. At this very time a swarm of Spring Valley engineers and employees are gathering the data on which to oppose the fight of the district. They will spend money without stint to win the case. Where the Alameda County Water District has only one engineer and one lawyer the Spring Valley Water Co. has ten. Its allies are everywhere both in and out the township, in low places and in high. As it has always done before it will try to overwhelm us by the mere weight of its money. Alongside of the small army of Spring Valley employees our small corps of water district employees seems trifling indeed. And yet it is the best we can do unless the cost is greatly increased to our district. Of course Alameda county ought to come to our district's rescue. There is not much hope of that so long as the Spring Valley influence is so strong at the county seat. We believe Supervisor Murphy is anxious to help our district, but apparently it all depends upon the District Attorney's office and that office so far has not been able to find a legal way by which the Supervisors' hands can be freed to help us. So unless aid comes unexpectedly or from an unexpected quarter the unequal fight must be fought out as it is being fought. The whole dependence of the district is placed in the justness of its cause. Many a cause apparently trampled under foot by a powerful enemy has triumphed ultimately. And so may ours. A just fight raises up friends and so will ours. But whether we fight a big enemy or a small one we will fight to the last ditch the best we can and we will never surrender this beautiful valley to the Spring Valley Water Co. until we are absolutely and irretrievably whipped.

But now while the death struggle is on let us call the attention of the people of this township to one phase of the situation which they are too passively allowing to exist. We refer to the Spring Valley sympathizers in our own midst.

The time has come for our people to show the tories that they can not do Spring Valley's dirty work and still retain the respect and confidence of their neighbors. It is time that the bold effrontery of the men who are willing to help deliver this section over to the Spring Valley be shown up in their proper light. The people of the district realizing the unequal fight that their officials are up against ought not to tolerate the treachery that is being practiced in their own midst. They ought to bring the sentiment of the community to bear strongly in support of the District's fight. Time servers and raitors cannot be allowed to work

Lincoln's Birthday

February Twelfth



secretly against the district. The people of the district are to win their fight. It is time now for a patriotic organization in this district that will co-operate with and strengthen the hands of the men who, without pay, are trying their best to save this valley.

Now is the time to throw the searchlight. It will be too late after the battle is over.

By CHRIS RUNCKEL.

In the Spring Valley Register last week, Mr. Frank Shay, Spring Valley's mythical people investor, suggests that the Spring Valley be given a chance to present its side of the case to

This is surly artlessness

organ, the Register.

If there is anything on the Spring Valley side that its Register has left unsaid, we suggest that its Register print it at once. We would also suggest that the Spring Valley follow President Wilson's advice and "hire" for several halls in the township and present its side to the people. We will gladly go ourselves and we will guarantee a hearing in each town and a respectful hearing.

By all means let us have Spring Valley's side presented by Spring Valley people who will come out in the open and not hide behind some alias like Frank Shay, et al.

St. Valentine's Day

February Fourteenth



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NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that Monday the 21 day of February, 1916, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of MICHAEL DEVER to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Alvarado in Alvarado Election Precinct.

GEO. E. GROSS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
Dated Oakland, Cal., Jan. 31, 1916.
First publication, Feb. 3, 1916

NOTICE TO CREDITORS

Notice is hereby given by the undersigned administrator of the Estate of May L. Dees, nee May L. Threlfall, deceased, to all persons having claims against the said deceased to, within ten months after the first publication of this notice, either file them, with necessary vouchers, in the office of the Clerk of the Superior Court of the State of California in and for the County of Alameda or exhibit them, with the necessary vouchers, to me at the office of B. C. Mickl at Centerville, Alameda County, State of California, which place the undersigned selects as the place of business in all matters connected with said estate.

ARTHUR R. DEES,
Administrator of the estate of May L. Dees, nee May L. Threlfall, deceased.

Dated, Oakland, December 20th., 1915.
First publication of notice Feb. 11, 1916.

NOTICE OF HEARING APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF LIQUOR LICENSE

Notice is hereby given that Monday the 14th day of February, 1916, at the hour of 10 o'clock a. m., at the rooms of the Board of Supervisors, in the annex to the Hall of Records, in the City of Oakland, has been fixed as the time and place for hearing the application of J. W. Hefner to obtain a renewal of a liquor license for the sale of liquor at Newark, in Newark Election Precinct.

GEO. E. GROSS
Clerk of the Board of Supervisors.
Dated Oakland, Cal., Jan. 24, 1916.

CIVIL SERVICE EXAMINATIONS

The California State State Commission Announces the following examinations for February, 1916.

February 26. ASSISTANT ACCOUNTANT. Positions are with the State Finance Department and call for experience in statistical department, insurance companies or for graduation from a college or university of recognized standing. The entrance salary is \$60 per month. The written portion of the examination will include algebra, trigonometry, interest formulas, accounting, actuarial science and bond valuations.

March 3-4. ASSISTANT TESTING ENGINEER. Positions are with the State Engineering Department in its testing laboratory. The salary for the Junior grade is from \$900 to \$1500, for the Senior from \$1500 to \$2100. Experience in a testing laboratory is a prerequisite for these examinations.

Each examination will include a six hour written test on technical and practical questions.

Candidates must have thorough knowledge of the poultry business and must have had at least three years recent experience in order to qualify. Positions pay from \$45 to \$60 per month.

Feb. 26. GARDEN LABORER. Candidates must be in good physical condition and must be experienced in the use of garden tools and in planting and caring for trees, plants and lawns. The positions are connected with the State Capitol grounds in Sacramento and pay \$3.50 per day.

March 16. DENTIST. Candidates must be graduates of a recognized school of dentistry and must be licensed to practice in California. The salary is \$150 per month and maintenance. Successful applicants will be eligible for appointment to the various State institutions.

Further information and applications may be secured from the State Civil Service Commission Forum Building, Sacramento.

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LOGE MEETINGS

ALAMEDA LODGE, F. & A. M.
Stated meetings at Masonic Temple, Centerville, for
1915: January 30, February 27,
March 27, April 24, May 22, June 26,
July 24, August 21, September 18,
October 16, November 20, December 18.
E. M. GRIMMER, W. M.
A. T. BIDDLE, Secretary.

NILES LODGE, NO. 382,
I. O. O. F. Meets every
Monday evening at Niles.
BEN W. STONE, Noble Grand,
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MAPLE CAMP NO. 146, W. O. W.—
Meets every Second and Fourth Friday of the Month in Stevenson's Hall, Centerville.
J. F. ROSE, Con. Com.
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Notice of Dissolution of Partnership

Notice is hereby given that the Copartnership heretofore existing between the undersigned Harry G. Stratton and James M. Cochran, conducting a laundry business at the Town of Niles, Alameda County, California, under the firm name and style of NILES STEAM LAUNDRY, was on the 5th day of February 1916, dissolved by mutual consent. The said parties retiring from the Laundry business. The said Harry G. Stratton, having acquired all the interest of the said James M. Cochran, will wind up and close the affairs of the firm.

All persons indebted to said Copartnership are requested to make payments to Harry G. Stratton, and the said Harry G. Stratton is to assume and pay the liabilities and debts now outstanding against the said firm of Niles Steam Laundry.

Dated this 5th day of February 1916.
HARRY G. STRATTON.
JAMES M. COCHRAN.

Schedule of Farm Bureau Meetings for February.

Monday, February 7th, Hayward Center, at Town Hall, Hayward.
Wednesday, February 9th, Hayward Heath Center, at Hayward Heath.

Saturday, February 12th, Murray Township Center, at Town Hall, Livermore.

Friday, February 18th, Castro Valley Center, at Castro Valley School, Castro Valley.

Monday, February 28th, Newark Center at Newark Amusement Co's. Pavilion, Newark.

Owing to the fact that the farm advisers' conference will be held this month a number of the center meetings have had to be postponed.

Blank checks may be secured from the State Civil Service Commission Forum Building, Sacramento.

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Irvington

Lester Brewer has been confined to his home for the past few days on account of sickness but is much improved today.

Irvington now boasts of an athletic club, the young men of the town having organized such a club last Monday.

Quite a number of Irvington folk motored to San Jose Tuesday to see the production of "Twin Beds" at the Victory Theater.

Mr. and Mrs. Holliday of Oakland were guests of C. J. Bond and wife last Sunday.

Mrs. E. Morrell has been quite ill all week but at this writing is reported somewhat better.

Born: To the wife of Peter Frieze, a daughter.

Chas. Bond has been on the sick list for the past week.

Mrs. Mowry Graybell is seriously ill. A trained nurse is in attendance.

The regular monthly meeting of the Irvington Chamber of Commerce was held Monday evening.

Don't forget the Chamber of Commerce dance next Saturday night (Feb. 19). A big time is assured.

A social dance will be given here tonight by a number of young ladies of Irvington. The affair is strictly invitational.

Driscoll Bros. have joined the ranks of Ford enthusiasts, having having purchased one of these popular machines from Rose Bros. at Niles.

Newark

L. Christiansen has been appointed temporary R. F. D. carrier.

J. W. Haffner spent a couple of days in San Francisco the fore part of the week.

Louis Ruschin and wife attended the funeral of Mrs. Powers in Santa Clara Thursday.

A social dance will be given in Watkins Hall on Saturday, February 19th by the Newark S. P. R. S. I.

A government inspector is expected in Newark soon to look over the local R. F. D. situation.

Clarence Graham and his bride have been presented with a valuable clock by the employees of the foundry.

M. T. Moses and wife were called to Alameda Monday on account of the death of Mrs. Moses' father, Mr. Helmsien.

The new school is nearly finished and will probably be dedicated about March 1st.

Decoto

At a recent meeting of the Decoto Ladies' Guild the following officers were chosen for the coming year: President, Mrs. H. C. Searles; vice-president, Mrs. J. Sandholdt; secretary, Miss Gertrude May; treasurer, Miss F. Mae Haines; directors: Mrs. J. L. Olson, Mrs. E. Decoto, Mrs. H. May. The Guild has had a very successful year and is planning some very desirable improvements on the church building for this year.

Henry May and daughter Gertrude motored to San Jose Wednesday.

Mrs. Fred Meyer of Oakland was a visitor in Decoto last Monday.

Mrs. Ezra Decoto, who has been quite ill with the grippe for some time is reported improving.

Miss Annis Whipple, a former Decoto girl, was K. C. B's. subject in Tuesday's Examiner. Miss Whipple is now at Towle where the snow is a good many feet deep.

The Essex Lumber Co. has about completed the building of a brick furnace and stack for purpose of burning up waste. The improvement is a very good one.

A marriage license was this week granted to Mr. Paul S. Roche of Decoto and Miss Claire M. Lopes of Centerville.

Mr. Hatch, secretary of the Bureau of Visual Instruction of the University of California will address the Men's League next Sunday at 7:45 p. m. at the Congregational Church, on Visual Education. Everybody invited.

When slumber first unclouds my brain
And thought is free
And sense, refreshed, renews her reign,
I think of thee.

When next in prayer to God above
I bende my knee,
Then, when I pray for those I love,
I pray for thee.

And when the duties of the day
Demand of me
To rise and journey on life's way
I work for thee.

Or if, perchance, I sing some lay,
Whatever it be,
All that the idle verses say
They say of thee.

For if an eye whose liquid light
Gleams like the sea
They sing, or tresses brown and bright,
They sing of thee.

And if a wearie mood, or sad,
Possesses me
One thought can all times make me glad
The thought of thee.

And when once more upon my bed,
Full wearily,
In sweet repose I lay my head,
I dream of thee.

In short, one only wish I have—
To live for thee,
Or gladly, if one pang 'twould save,
I'd die for thee.

For Sale—Choice
dahlia bulbs, 10c. each.
Niles, Cal.

Center

The foundation of the building on Main street is going on rapidly. The building Rogers and will be used for a bowling alley.

R. T. Hawes has been ill for the past week.

"The Religion of Abraham" will be the subject of Rev. R. W. Rogers at the church Sunday evening.

7:45 p. m. Prof. W. "The Recessional" and will take part in the service.

Mrs. J. S. Bell spent days in bed with the grippe.

Mrs. Carruthers added to the sick list this week.

Jack Blacow is sporting a "Baby Six" Buick, purchased from Rose Bros. Garage at Niles.

Mrs. Geo. Wright of the Ladies' Aid Wednesday.

The Buscuit Club met at son home last Saturday.

A number of Centerville people will journey to Niles to attend an invitation to town.

The directors of the Niles Water District held a meeting in Stevenson's hall Saturday.

Dr. Thomas of the California visited Centerville High School Wednesday.

The wedding of Miss this town to Paul S. Roche was an event noted this week.

Miss Adeline Rogers, postmaster, was a San Francisco visitor on Friday.

A social dance will be given by the Catholic Ladies' Sewing Society in the town hall on March 4th.

Don't fail to attend dance at the Holy Ghost row night.

WETTEST JANUARY IN 25 YEARS

The present season has been with the remarkable rain of 1889-90 as one of the quarters of a century.

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SUNDAY SERVICES

NILES CONGREGATIONAL CHURCH
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10 a. m. Sunday School.

11 a. m. Preaching, "An Almost Perfect Man."

7 p. m. Intermediate C. E. Society. 7:45 p. m. Men's League. Address by Prof. Hatch of Berkeley on "Visual Education."

CORPUS CHRISTI CHURCH
Niles, Cal.

Mass at 9:30 a. m. each Sunday.

Decoto.
Mass at 11:00 a. m.

HOLY GHOST CATHOLIC CHURCH
Centerville.

Father A. M. Souza, pastor.

Father S. P. Baron, asst. pastor. Mass daily at 7:00 and 7:30 a. m. Sunday—Mass at 8 a. m. and 10:50 a. m. Benediction and sermon at 7:30 a. m.

Newark Presbyterian Church
James Curry, D.D., Pastor.

Preaching services at 11 and 7:45 o'clock Christian Endeavor meeting 7 P. M. Sabbath School 9:45 A. M. Prayer meeting, Wednesday 7:30 P. M. Ladies Aid first and third Wednesday afternoon each month, Missionary Society last Fridays at 2:30 P. M.

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Scissor News Service

Livermore

(From The Echo.)

An option to purchase J. C. Hayes' 160-acre ranch on the Arroyo Valle, 11 miles southeast of this town, has been sold by E. P. Newhall of this place to Messrs. Dickey and Penfield, well-known eastern capitalists, who are also owners of the Livermore Brick Company.

Wm. Evans, who left here nine years ago for the Hearst ranch in Mexico, after being employed here for several years at the Hayes ranch, arrived here last Thursday for a visit and is stopping at the Valley Hotel. Mr. Evans was among the employees of the Hearst ranch captured by Villa a month ago as was also Frank Black, and when they were released he left for El Paso, while Mr. Black returned to the ranch.

Henry Graham, Sr., a native of Germany, aged 79 years, 10 months and 11 days, died early Thursday morning at the home of his sister in law, Mrs. C. True, south of town, after four days' illness.

Charles E. Oswill found on opening his saloon in the Medina building on Thursday morning that a burglar had broken through a rear window and stolen \$5.50 in money from the cash drawer, besides over \$50 worth of "punch board" prizes, including two gold wrist watches, several rings, boxes of cigars, etc. There is no clue as yet.

Mrs. Ellen Cronin, wife of Richard Cronin, died last Saturday evening at their home at Dublin. Deceased was a native of San Mateo county, aged 62 years, and had been a resident of this valley ever since 1858.

Pleasanton

(From The Times.)

One of the most elaborate installations of officers that has been held in Pleasanton for some time was that conducted Sunday afternoon last, when Felix Reigo of San Leandro, assisted by Antone Vierra of the same place, installed the officers of the R. A. B. A. M., Inc., for the year of 1916.

Pleasanton Chamber of Commerce met in the town hall last night with a very small attendance. Business of a routine nature was transacted.

Phillip Kolb, on the committee to interview property owners regarding their willingness to plant ornamental trees in front of their property, reported that the majority of the property owners were willing to do all in their power to help beautify the town, although some of the citizens refused to do anything in that way.

Another thief is in the county jail, owing to the zeal and promptness of Constable Larkin Locke of this place. Tuesday afternoon a thief stole a gold watch from Homer Rutherford at the Pleasanton racing park and was at once arrested by Mr. Locke.

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SAMUEL SANDHOLDT.

The death of Justice of the Peace Samuel Sandholdt occurred last Thursday after an illness of over a year. The funeral was held from the family residence in Centerville, Sunday afternoon under the auspices of Centerville Lodge No. 170, Knights of Pythias, Judge George Samuels of Oakland, Past Grand Chancellor, delivering the eulogy. Mr. Samuels paid a high tribute to the splendid character of the deceased. The interment took place in the I. O. O. F. cemetery at Irvington. Members of Mission Peak Lodge, I. O. O. F. and of the Centerville Council, U. P. E. C., of which he was a member, and a large concourse of friends followed the remains to their last resting place.

Deceased is survived by his wife and three daughters, Mrs. John Hegerty of Berkeley, Miss Elsie Sandholdt and Miss Lillian Sandholdt of Centerville.

He was a native of Denmark, 61 years of age, and for the past forty years has been a resident of Centerville. For nearly twenty years he filled the office of Justice of the Peace in a most creditable manner. His death is a distinct loss to the township for he was a most capable and upright official, a good citizen, a conscientious man and a devoted husband and father.

CONTRACT FOR STATE HIGHWAY IS LET

The State Highway Commission has awarded the contract for 12.6 miles of the State Highway in Alameda Co. Part of it is from Hayward toward Oakland, part from Hayward toward Niles.

The Press has a very liberal offer to make this week to any enterprising young people who wish to earn a little money during their Spare hours. Call and see us about it.

"In town" advocates here for the purpose of putting Visalia in the wet season, will resume publication this week, according to announcement yesterday by Editor Rood. The press plant was recently closed by creditors. Editor Rood left last night for San Francisco where he will pursue a complete plant.

and the progressive spirit that prevails in California. The women should see to it that the party which does not hesitate to espouse the welfare of humanity as the greatest problem of today should have their earnest support.

DECOTO'S OPPORTUNITY

Decoto needs a town water system as well as a sewer system, and it would be well for her people to take up both for consideration. Decoto has the advantage of having cheaper lots and more of them, and if a town water system were to be installed it would greatly stimulate building. Decoto has an opportunity which few of the towns have at the present time. The town has no bonded debt, and if it were to bond itself for a vital necessity like a water system or a sewer system it would greatly stimulate the growth of the town. In the matter of a town site it has no superior in the township. Its railroad facilities with the two transcontinental roads are excellent. Decoto has a real chance to grow. It depends, however, upon the courage and far sightedness of its people.

After being the joke of the township for many years Decoto now has the opportunity at last to become one of the leading towns of the township.

AN EXCELLENT APPOINTMENT

The appointment of John G. Mattos, Jr., as Justice of the Peace of Washington Township is one that will be accepted with hearty approval by a large majority of the people of the township. The appointment was not of his own seeking; in fact, he was very reluctant about accepting it, and as is usual in such cases the public is the gainer for it. Mr. Mattos will bring to the office dignity of character, legal ability and a ripe experience which assures the people of Washington Township a most creditable service in their local court. The appointment is an excellent one and reflects credit upon the judgment of the Board of Supervisors. Judge Mattos is a term which will fit well upon the man who has performed well the duties of every office to which he has heretofore been appointed or elected.

THE NEED OF MORE HOUSES

One of the most pressing needs of both the towns of Decoto and Niles today is more houses to accommodate the people who have recently come into our midst. While this is a healthy sign, it is rather discouraging to those who have employment here to be unable to secure anything like suitable accommodations.

There is no question but that if at least a half dozen more cottages were built in each town they would be occupied at once.

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